I have had XM radio for nearly 3 years and and drive approx 45,000 miles a year. Those mile are put on over long distances and the XM allows me to listen to the same station for an 8 hour drive. I use all the features, weather and traffic and find that it is invaluable to my driving. XM is not in competition with the local radio stations, I listen to my local stations when I am in my home town.